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FOR: METHODS AND ORGANISMS FOR CONCENTRATING AND  
RECOVERING METALS AND MINERALS FROM AQUEOUS MEDIA

**RESPONSE**

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SIR:

This Response is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated October 24, 2003, which set a three month period for response. Thus, this Amendment is considered timely filed on or before January 26, 2004 (January 24, 2004 being a Saturday, and January 25, 2004 being a Sunday).